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### **IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

#### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A recording system for recording and/or reserving a broadcast program, comprising:

means for accepting a request to record and/or reserve a broadcast program;

storage means for recording a broadcast program;

connection means for connecting with an external device;

determination means for determining whether it is possible to record a broadcast program requested to be recorded and/or reserved;

means for issuing a recording substitution request to an external device via said connection means in response to a negative result of said determination; and

user information management means for storing user information about each requesting origin, wherein a recording substitution means obtains advertising information appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin via said connection means and inserting said information in a recorded program,

wherein said recording system is charged for program reservation substitution services at a metered rate corresponding to recording time.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording system according to claim 1, wherein said determination means generates a negative result when a remaining capacity of said

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storage means is not sufficient for recording a broadcast program requested to be recorded and/or reserved.

3. (Original) The recording system according to claim 1, wherein said determination means generates a negative result when a failure in said system prevents a broadcast program from being recorded in said storage means.

4. (Currently Amended) A recording substitution system for substitutionally recording a broadcast program, comprising:

connection means for connecting with an external device;

means for receiving a broadcast program;

storage means for recording a broadcast program;

recording substitution means for responding to reception of a recording substitution request via said connection means and receiving and recording a corresponding broadcast program in said storage means; and

user information management means for storing user information about each requesting origin, wherein said recording substitution means obtains advertising information appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin via said connection means and inserting said information in a recorded program,

wherein said recording substitution system is charged for program reservation substitution services at a metered rate corresponding to recording time.

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5. (Original) The recording substitution system according to claim 4, wherein said recording substitution means can receive recording substitution requests from a plurality of external devices and records a broadcast program corresponding to a requesting origin.

6. (Original) The recording substitution system according to claim 4 further comprising user information management means for storing user information about each requesting origin, wherein said recording substitution means records a broadcast program in a format appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin.

7. (Canceled)